

The Governor does not have any recollection of speaking to Regent Wanda James during the time the administration was developing the 2025-2026 budget submission. He was, however, made aware of the deeply insensitive images created by CU School of Public Health's "Tea on THC Campaign" funded by HB 21-1317 and was disturbed that CU was administering such an insensitive campaign. The Governor has long been skeptical of the funding for this program; in fact during debate about the original bill he advocated that funding for marketing not go to the CU School of Public Health. Further, the budget environment required the Governor to make a number of additional cuts to the budget. In his November 1 budget, he recommended cutting \$1 million from the program. Then, on January 31, [in a letter submitted by OSPB](#), the Governor's budget office recommended that *"[w]ith significant previous funding being allocated to this program, as well as the challenging balancing outlook for the [Marijuana Tax Cash Fund], this budget update proposes to fully eliminate the MTCTF appropriation for this program in FY 2025-26. The elimination of this appropriation will provide a total of \$2 million of MTCTF savings annually to meet other needs from the fund."* Ultimately, the Governor and the Governor's budget team made a decision that in the difficult budget environment that included more than \$45M in additional budget balancing proposals and cuts, and in the context of reduced revenue in the marijuana tax cash fund, this funding could be better allocated to other priorities of the MTCTF.